



**WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT
LOWER PASSAIC RIVER DREDGE PROJECT
May 5, 2014 THROUGH May 11, 2014**

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1. H&S/Environmental
 - a. No injuries or OSHA recordable incidents reported this week.
2. Subcontract Status
 - a. Subcontractors: Great Lakes Dredge and Dock
3. Administrative/Regulatory
 - a. Refer to Issues and Actions section
4. GLDD – Capping
 - a. GLDD spent Monday through Wednesday preparing and positioning equipment in preparation for the start of the habitat layer
 - b. EPA concurrence to begin the habitat layer was received Wednesday afternoon, 05/07 following their review of the post placement surveys of the armor stone layer which were submitted by GLDD on Sunday, 05/04.
 - c. GLDD began placement of the habitat layer on Thursday, 05/08 at the southernmost end of the area south of the no dredge zone. The initial placement was performed with a single pass in an area that would be visible at low tide.
 - d. Initial inspection of the habitat layer occurred on Friday and the EPA recommended that an additional pass be performed to achieve adequate sand coverage of the armor stone.
 - e. During the inspection and evaluation period GLDD continued with sand placement in adjacent areas.
 - f. The Fuchs excavator which is being used to supply sand to the telebelt experienced mechanical problems on Saturday and no sand was placed.
 - g. Sunday was Mother's Day and was a scheduled day off.

- h. The turbidity monitoring buoys remained in place during this week and no turbidity exceedances were noted.

5. Issues and Actions

- a. Essex County was uncooperative all week in providing a repair schedule for the Jackson Street Bridge and then on Friday, 05/09 they announced that the Jackson Street Bridge would be operational Monday, 05/12. GLDD scheduled 2 barge transports for Monday, one early in the morning and another late evening. The first transport would be to move two scows downriver followed by the return of the scows loaded with sand that evening.

6. Two Week Look Ahead

- a. Complete the habitat sand layer.
- b. Continue real time turbidity monitoring until activities on the river are complete.
- c. Transport sand to RM 10.9 area as necessary to support placement of the habitat layer. Bridge openings will be required for this barge movement.
- d. Demobilize from RM 10.9